

Frequently Asked Questions

Is enrollment in the EFMP mandatory?

-Yes. Enrollment is mandatory for active duty personnel who have a family member with a special need.

How do I enroll in the EFMP?

- Log on to the AF Portal website
- Select vMPF
- Select Self Service Actions
- Select Assignments
- Select EFMP

How long will enrollment last?

-Enrollment in the EFMP will continue as long as the special need exists. Refer to AFI 40-701 for more specific information.

What is the EFMP Medical (M) Process?

-The EFMP-M process is specifically designed to assist family relocations when a medical or special education requirement exists.

Will enrollment affect promotion?

-No. Information about enrollment is not given to selection boards. Enrollment does not adversely affect a Service member's selection for promotion, schools or assignment.

Is an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Services Plan (IFSP) criteria for enrollment?

-Any Active Duty AF sponsor that has a child with an IEP or that has an IFSP must be enrolled in AF EFMP.

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Exceptional Family Member Program



Providing Support to
Military Family
Members with
Special Needs

Introduction

The Air Force Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is designed to provide support to military family members with special needs.



EFMP is a mandatory enrollment program, administered by the AF Personnel Center (AFPC) that works with the medical community and key community agencies to identify Active Duty sponsors who have fam-

ily members with special educational needs. One of the goals is to protect the federal entitlements and military benefits of family members as they move around the world with their Active Duty sponsors. AFPC also coordinates reassignments for Active Duty sponsors when one or more family members' needs cannot be met in the current location.

Who is an Exceptional Family Member (EFM)?

An EFM is a family member enrolled in DEERS who has a diagnosed physical, intellectual or emotional/psychological condition that requires ongoing specialized

medical or educational services. The Air Force follows DoD guidelines for determining who is an EFM, found in DoD Instruction 1315.19, *Authorizing Special Needs Family Members Travel Overseas at Government Expense*. Although it specifically outlines the requirements for overseas travel, the criteria in Enclosure 4 are used by all branches of the military to identify who must enroll in EFMP, regardless of location of assignment.



Who must enroll in the Program?

- Active Duty AF sponsors when one or more of the DoD criteria are met in a family member/dependent in accordance with (IAW) AFI 36-2110, *Assignments*.
- A&FRC Relocation Coordinators may also offer supportive services to Reservists, Guardsmen, and DoD Civilians, but they do not enroll in the program.

EFMP-Family Support

At the A&FRC, a Community Readiness Consultant (CRC) is available to ensure that each family



receives comprehensive coordinated EFMP-FS through the military and/or civilian community. The CRC can discuss the needs of the EFM and recommend appropriate local, state, and national resources. The CRC can also provide families with infor-

mation on local support groups and other community resources. One-on-one consultation is available to any Airman, DoD Civilian, or military family member seeking information to support family members with special needs. The A&FRC is also the point of contact for services provided from the Air Force Aid Society like the Respite Care program which is designed to provide a "break" for a few hours for families who are responsible for family members who are ill or have disabilities. For more information contact the Minot AFB A&FRC.

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Helpful Websites

Airman & Family Readiness Center

www.5thforcesupport.com

Air Force Special Needs Website

www.afspecialneeds.af.mil

Department of Defense Education Activity

www.dodea.edu/

Minot AFB SLO Website

www.minot.af.mil/schoolliaisonofficer/

Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)

www.militarychild.org/

Military OneSource

www.militaryonesource.com/

Military Youth on the Move

www.defenselink.mil/mtom/

National Military Family Association

www.militaryfamily.org/

Partnering to Support Military Families

www.usa4militaryfamilies.dod.mil/

Operation: MILITARY KIDS

www.operationmilitarykids.org/

Pathfinder Family Center

www.pathfinder-nd.org/

Student Online Achievement Resources

www.soarathome.com/

Specialized Training of Military Parents

www.stompproject.org/

Tutor.com for U.S. Military Families

www.tutor.com/military